IS THIS SWORD FROM THE GODS ?!
THIS POWER I'M FEELING
mika zuchi?
FAR FAR TO THE WEST OF THIS LAND OF THE RISING SUN THERE LIES AN ISLAND NATION GREEN AND MAJESTIC
NAY
THE HOLY SWORD YOU HOLD NOW IN YOUR HAND BELONGED TO HIM !!
LONG AGO IT WAS RULED BY THE ONCE AND FUTURE KING
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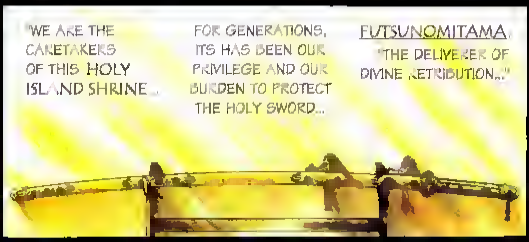
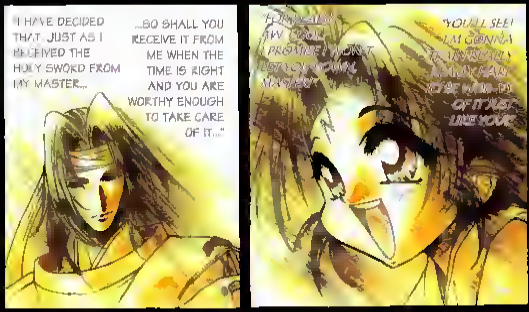

"WE ARE THE CARETAKERS OF THIS HOLY ISLAND SHRINE...
FOR GENERATIONS, ITS HAS BEEN OUR PRIVILEGE AND OUR BURDEN TO PROTECT THE HOLY SWORD...
FUTSUNOMITAMA
"THE DELIVERER OF DIVINE RETRIBUTION..."

"WAAAAA... IT'S REALLY BIG 'N HEAVY!"
"IZZIT REALLY FROM THE GODS, MASTER? HUH? IZZIT?"


"I HAVE DECIDED THAT, JUST AS I RECEIVED THE HOLY SWORD FROM MY MASTER...
...SO SHALL YOU RECEIVE IT FROM ME WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT AND YOU ARE WORTHY ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF IT..."
"I PROMISE I WON'T DISAPPOINT YOU, MASTER!"
"YOU'LL SEE! I'M GONNA BECOME A GREAT SWORDSMAN TO BE WORTHY OF IT JUST LIKE YOU!"

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Ahhhh~!
oo YUP! NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! THE BEST TIME FOR BATH TIME IS HIS KENDO PRACTICE TIME! ♡
I GET TO TAKE AN * EXTRA LONG * BATH! ♡
Yay-hee!
AND TODAY HE'S GOT AN * EXTRA LONG * SESSION WHICH MEANS

USUALLY I'M TOO BUSY WORRYING ABOUT HIM TRYING TO PEEP ON ME TO BE ABLE TO ENJOY MY BATH...
*tch*
ZOSH
SERVES THE LI'L PERVERT RIGHT, TOO. HAVING AN ALL DAY KENDO TEST TODAY.
STILL, I CAN'T HELP BUT WONDER IF HE'S REALLY READY FOR SUCH AN ADVANCED TEST...
*gnaw*
THAT IDIOT MIKAZUCHI! HE'D BETTER BE OKAY!
KLAK KA-KLAK
*eep!*
CINCH

HA—AA—AH!!
カキーン!
UGH!!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?! AFRAID YOU MIGHT ACTUALLY HIT ME IF YOU TRY?!
THAT WAS YOUR MOST PATHETIC ATTACK YET, MIKAZUCHI!!!

DAMMIT ALL
DASH
YOU'RE TOAST THIS TIME!!
KLAK
KLAK
KLAKKITA
KLAK
KLAK
CHRRRAP
SHOW !!
I COULDN'T EVEN HIT HIS HIS ASS ONCE!
AT THIS RATE I'M GONNA BE A WRINKLED OLD "PRUNE" BEFORE I CAN GET MY BUTT OFFA THIS STUPID ISLAND!
THIS REALLY REALLY... SUCKS !!

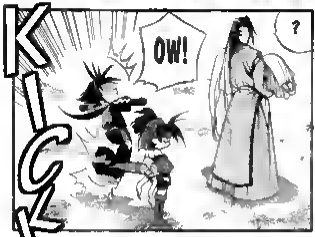
GNNNRRR! HOW THE HELL'M I GONNA EVER DATE AHY CUTE CHICKS...
...IF I CAH'T GET MY STUPID ASS OFFA THIS CRAPPY ROCK!!
"THAT" HAS GOT TO BE THE BIGGEST LOAD OF CRAP I'VE EVER HEARD YOU RE NEVER GONNA BEAT MY FATHER WITH THAT ATTITUDE..
URK!
HUHOKK !!
NYEAH-HEH HEH! AND AS LONG AS YOUR MIND'S STUCK IN THE GUTTER, YOU'RE GONNA BE STUCK ON THIS ISLAND Y'PERVERT!
AHHHH— WHY DON'T YOU JUST SHUT THE HELL UP Y'BOOB-LESS BROAD!!

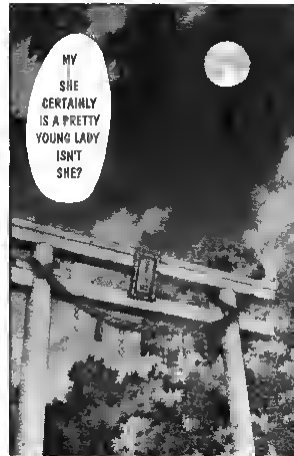
EX-
CUSE
ME?!
THESE AIN'T JUST ORANGES I'M PACKIN' HERE!!
YEAH YEAH SO YOU KEEP TELLIN' ME
BOING
...BUT MAYBE I SHOULD CHECK'N SEE IF I CAN GET ANY ORANGE JUICE!!
HYA
HA
SNIKER
!!
"SPLIT" GET THE HELL AWAY FROM ME!!
OO-WAH-HA-HA-HA!!
GNOHHH! YOU ARE *SUCH* A CREEP!
SL
AP
SL
AP
SL
AP

SL
AP...
HWOO°
FOR THE LAST YEAR WHENEVER I'VE SCANNED THE LAKE IN THE FOUR DIRECTIONS, I'VE SENSED THE PRESENCE OF THE GODS LESS AND LESS..
AT THIS RATE I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH LONGER THE SACRED ↓OFE WILL ↑ONTINUE TO BIND AND PROTECT...
HM ?!
SH
SH
AYA
WHAT'S THIS ?!

OH! HELLO FATHER!
HUH? IS THAT... IS THAT A GIRL YOU'VE GOT THERE, MASTER?
MM.
I FOUND HER WASHED UP ON THE SHORE BY THE SHRINE STONE SO I'M BRINGING HER BACK TO THE HOUSE
WHAZSHE LOOKLIKE WHAZSHE LOOKLIKE ?!
REALLY? WOW I DIDN'T THINK ANYONE COULD WASH UP ON THE SHORES OF THIS PLACE!
LEMME SEE LEMME SEE !!
CHEEZE

?!
oh
WOW

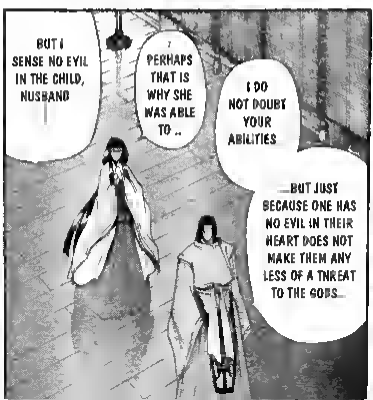

KICK
OW!
?


MY
SHE
CERTAINLY
IS A PRETTY
YOUNG LADY
ISN'T
SHE?

*MIKAZUCHI* SURE SEEMED TO THINK SO JEEZ YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN HIM DROOLING OVER HER MOTHER! IT WAS DISGUSTING!
I SWEAR, PUT A PRETTY FACE IN FRONT OF A GUY AND HE GOES ALL STUPID!
WHICH IS WHY HE ACTS THE WAY HE DOES AROUND YOU DEAR!
Y YOU MEAN THAT MOTHER?
ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU THINK I'M PRETTY?
OF COURSE YOU'RE PRETTY !!
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE MY DAUGHTER SO YOU LOOK LIKE ME!
ON MOTHER! I LOVE YOU!
YOU'RE A SILLY GIRL, YOU KNOW THAT?

YOU SAID YOU WISHED TO SPEAK TO ME ABOUT THE GIRL YOU FOUND?
YES
IS ANYTHING THE MATTER?

YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT THE GODS DO NOT TOLERATE TRESPASSERS ON THIS ISLAND... YET SOMEHOW THIS GIRL...
...WAS ABLE TO SLIP BENEATH THEIR EVER WATCHFUL EYES AND END UP WASHED UPON THE SHORE...


BUT I SENSE NO EVIL IN THE CHILD, HUSBAND
PERHAPS THAT IS WHY SHE WAS ABLE TO ..
I DO NOT DOUBT YOUR ABILITIES
...BUT JUST BECAUSE ONE HAS NO EVIL IN THEIR HEART DOES NOT MAKE THEM ANY LESS OF A THREAT TO THE GODS...

SO YOU BELIEVE
...SHE MAY UNKNOWINGLY BE AN INSTRUMENT FOR SOME EVIL PURPOSE?

I'M NOT CERTAIN WHAT I BELIEVE... OTHER THAN THE FACT THAT OVER THE MANY GENERATIONS THAT OUR CLAN HAS SERVED THIS SHRINE...
THE POWER OF THE GODS HAS WANED TO THE POINT THAT IT CAN BARELY BE SENSED...
THE FACT THAT A GIRL AS OBVIOUSLY FOREIGN TO JAPAN AS SHE IS WAS ABLE TO EVEN WASH ON THE SHORE OF THIS ISLAND CAN MEAN ONLY ONE THING
+WAR+ LOOMS ON THE HORIZON ... !!
YOU ARE... QUITE CERTAIN OF THIS?
YES !
...BUT THEN, I HAVE BEEN EXPECTING THIS SINCE... THAT DAY FOURTEEN YEARS AGO...
THEN IF THAT'S THE CASE ?
WE SHOULD TELL HONOKA THE TRUTH ABOUT HER...

I WAS THINKING THE SAME THING
NOHOKA SHOULD BE TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT HER CHILDHOOD
...AND OF THE IMPORTANT TASK WHICH LIES BEFORE HER
HWOOO
..YO!
GEE MIKAZUCHI! WHAT BRINGS *YOU* HERE?!
Or is it can't resist!
a-heh! JUST WONDERIN' HOW OUR CUTE LI'L GUEST IS FEELIN' THAT'S ALL!
MORE LIKE YOU WERE WONDERING IF YOU COULD FEEL UP OUR CUTE LITTLE GUEST, I'LL BET...

OOH! I HEARD THERE'S LIKE THIS FAR AWAY TOWN CALLED EDO* THAT'S GOT NOTHIN' BUT EXOTIC BABES IN IT! YOU THINK MAYBE SHE'S FROM THERE? ♡
ohh mi ya ze chi
mmm...kiss me!
c'mon! let's make ♡!
NO BUT I THINK YOU'VE HIT A NEW LEVEL OF STUPIDITY
luv~sigh

AN' NOT JUST FOR GIRLS NEITHER!
THERE'S GOTTA BE ALL SORTS-A WEIRD AN' AMAZIN' THINGS OUT THERE IN THE REAL WORLD...
...THINGS I CAN'T EVEN IMAGINE!!

*EDO- The ancient name of the city that is now known as TOKYO

"hmf" WELL IF YOU WANNA GO SO BAD
WHY AREN'T YOU BUSTIN' YOUR BUTT TO DEFEAT MY FATHER?
YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T LEAVE UNTIL YOU'VE MET *THAT* LITTLE REQUIREMENT
YEAH... BUT WHAT'S THE POINT?
NOBODY CARES ABOUT SWORDSMANSHIP THESE DAYS
I'M TELLIN' YA NONOKA—YOUR DAD'S CLINGIN' TO THESE OLD FASHIONED VALUES THAT HAVE NO PLACE IN THE REAL WORLD ANYMORE!
BUT YOU-N-ME WE WERE BORN INTO The Age of Reason YOU KNOW "MAKE LOVE NOT WAR"— THAT SORTA THING?
I MEAN LET'S FACE IT .. THINKIN' YOU CAN SOLVE ALL THE PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD WITH JUST A WHWAK'N OF A SWORD IS PRETTY STUPID, DON'TCHA THINK?
OH I DUNNO PERSONALLY I THINK GUYS SHOULD BE STRONG AND GALLANT, Y'KNOW? CHIVALROUS. NOT THAT YOU'D KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT CHIVALRY ..
AH!
I GET IT— SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS— IF I USE THIS CHIVALRY SCHTICK OUT THERE .. I'LL DEFINITELY GET LAID!!

CREEP!
WAP!
OW
HWOO
OOOO
OOOOOOO
ORRR
RRRMMMMMBLE

PWEE
PWEE PWEE
PWEE PWEE
PWEE PWEE
PWAM
GASP!
HEY COOL! SHE'S AWAKE!

BLOOP
BLOOP
BLOOP
free
*drool*
OH MAN, SHE'S EVEN CUTER WITH HER EYES OPEN!
HOW ARE YOU FEELING? WOULD YOU LIKE SOMETHING TO EAT?
coming out is
HUH ?!
SPASH
WOHOHH
free
!!
SPLSH

at last we have gained the power to break that cursed seal of the gods...
yes, and already we are strong enough to walk upon their sacred island!!
MWOHOH
now that the loathsome power of the gods is no more...
...there is nothing that can stand between us and the puny humans!!

soon we shall feast on their flesh and quench our thirst with their blood!!
PRITHEE TARRY NAUGHT! FLEE WHILST YE STILL CAN!
IT'S ALRIGHT YOU'RE SAFE HERE IN MY...
KRASSH
WHAT THE HELL ?!
SHRIEK!!
WHAT ?!
hr HONOKA ?!

WHA
WHAT THE HELL'RE THESE THINGS?!
WOHHOHRRM

NIKAZUKI !!
mah... MASTER !!
FATHER! MOTHER !!
YOMOKA !!

WHAT THE HECK'S GOIN' ON?! AND WHAT THE HELL'RE THESE GUYS?!
I KNEW THAT THIS DAY WOULD COME... I ONLY WISH IT HADN'T COME THIS SOON, SO THAT I MIGHT'VE BETTER PREPARED YOU...
SAY WHAT ?!
STAND YOUR GROUND NIKAZUKI !!
AT YOUR CURRENT LEVEL OF TRAINING, YOU CAN NEVER HOPE TO DEFEAT THEM!!

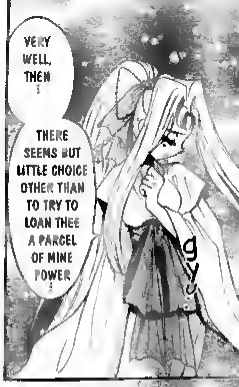
IN ORDER TO PROTECT THIS HOLY ISLAND THE GODS BESTOWED UPON OUR CLAN THIS SACRED SWORD-
SHING
布都御魂!!
FU TSU NO MI TA MA
THE HOLY SWORD WHOSE POWER COMES DIRECTLY FROM THE PANTHEON OF THE GODS THEMSELVES!
WHOSE DIVINE PURPOSE IS TO EXCORCISE DEMONIC EVIL FROM THE LAND!!
FWOOM
OH ?
ALRIGHT! THOSE LIZARD-FACED FREAKS RE GONNA GET IT NOW!
KICK MONSTER BUTT, MASTER!!
FATHER !!
Keh Keh Keh
SO THE PUNY HUMAN WOULD TRY TO WAVE THE CHURCH OF THE GODS IN OUR FACE, WOULD HE?

ALREADY THE POWER OF THE GODS HAS ABANDONDED THIS PLACE
SLASH
YOUR "HOLY TRINKET" IS BUT MERE SCRAP METAL TO US!!

FUTSU-NO-MITSU
THE HOLIEST OF SWORDS
BROKEN ?!
NA—?!
fuh—
FATHER !!
HUSBAND !!
DASH
WAAA
SPARK
AAAAH!!

MASTER
?
THEY KILLED MY MASTER?
THEY KILLED MY MASTER!!
YOU BASTARDS !!
HOLD THEE !!
BWSH
?!
PRITHEE SIR HOLD THY GROUND
TIS MADNESS TO ATTEMPT TO DEFEAT THE BEASTS WITH BUT A MERE KATANA!
WELL, WHAT THE HELL DO YOU SUGGEST, GIRL ?!
THAT I JUST SIT HERE WITH MY THUMB UP MY ASS AN' DO NOTHIN ?! JEEZ LOUISE!

FATHER !!
muh-
MOTHER-
-RRRR!!


VERY WELL, THEN
THERE SEEMS BUT LITTLE CHOICE OTHER THAN TO TRY TO LOAN THEE A PARCEL OF MINE POWER

..AND I SHALL PRAY THAT THOU ART STRONG ENOUGH TO SURVIVE IT! FOR KNOW YE THIS, KIND SIR.

...THERE ARE BUT A SMATTERING OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE WORLD WITH THE STRENGTH TO ACCEPT EVEN THE SMALLEST FRACTION OF MINE POWER
WHAT D'YOU MEAN "YOUR POWER" ?!
YES - I AM CERTAIN BLESSED THOU ART INDEED
huh?

O Holy Powyre that lies between the Silence and Soul Sources
!!
Bestowest upon him that i hath chosen, thy Music's totat retain
And in our passion extend our course

PSHA AMMM
Out tender outward the Movement attained!
KYOOOM

I do bless thee, O Holy Knight of mine, and do grant thee mine aide!
Receivest from me now, this: the holiest of Holy Blades!
FWASH
GWAH !!
!!

SHAKING
WHAT
WHAT THE HELL "IS" THIS THING?

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A SACRED SWORD PLAY
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OKAY
WHO THE HECK ARE YOU
...AND HOW THE HECK DID YOU JUST PULL THIS BIG-ASS SWORD FROM THAT TINY BODY A YOURS?!
IH THY HATIVE TONGUE MINE NAME IS SAYA
"WATER MAIDEH"
AS FOR THE HOLIEST OF THE HOLY SWORDS— IT LIVES WITHIH MINE BODY

SAYA ?!
yesss, why don't you come over here and sshare with the resst of usss?
-SNIK-
sssay, what are you two mumbling about over there?
let'ss sseee if we can't break that new sword as easily as we did that other worthless one, sshall we?
GASP !!
FATHER !!
uhg hono ka

hosoka ..
there is
something—
i must—
tell you.
FATHER!
LIE STILL!
SAVE
YOUR
STRENGTH!
mika—
zuchi—
the fate—
—the fate
of this
land—
depends—
on him...!
WHAT
?
that is why—
the two of you
must—
must LEAVE this
island—
you...you must
PROTECT—
OUR LORD
MIKAZUCHI!
that's why—
that's why
these things
have
awakened—
you see ..

NO, I DON'T SEE, FATHER! WHAT'RE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME ?!
an it.. was our fore... father's...
so shall .. it be.... your... destiny ..
my... daugh... ter... be... so... be...
!!
SLUMP
FATHER..?
NO-O-O-O-O!!
FATHER OPEN YOUR EYES! WAKE UP FATHER!!
FATHER!!
NRRK
GASP !!
boo !!
SCREECH !!
HO- NONOKA !!
VSH

GNNF
WHAT THE —?!
THIS THING WEIGHS A FREAKIN' TON!!
HOW TH'HELL AM I S'POSTA USE IT?!
TUG TUG
I say, the girl seems quite upset, don't you think?
oh, quite so, old chap! why she's positively ticked off she is!
YOU...YOU BASTARDS! YOU FILTHY COWARDLY BASTARDS! MY PARENTS— MY PARENTS!!
I WILL KILL YOU FOR WHAT YOU'VE DONE! YOU HEAR ME?! I AM GOING TO FUCKING KILL YOU!!

OH NO!
HONOKA! STOP!
DON'T BE STUPID !!
HA-AH !!
DASH
SLASH
hwk !!
I-I GOT HIM!
geh-heh-heh.. very cute, wissssy verrrry cute!
...3sss If ssome little *girrrl* welding a toy like that could ever hurt me!
OMG
AHHH !!

mmm...
It hass been far too long ssinsce we have enjoyed the flessshy fruit of a huwin female!
so sssp
heh heh heh
oh! nice nice!
GET YOUR POND SCUMMIN' HANDS OFF-A HER NOW!!
BASTARD!!
oh dear, I do believe the boy thinkss were just playing around, old bean!
well, why dont we sshow him were not?
WEEX!!
!!pp
RRR!!

EEEEEE—
YAAAH!!
MIKAZUCHI
HELP
ME
!!
SON OF A
BITCH
!!
UNGH

Y'FRICKIN' TOADS! ·LET· ·HER· GO!!
SHK
SHK
SHRRK
SCCHRRRKT
NRRYAA!!

SHA
KING
WOB BLE
squirted little bugger, isn't he?
pity that sswords a bit over-sssized for one of hiss ssstature, wot-wot?
UHG... UNNHH... URGL...
KURDLE
SHIT! IIII... CANNN'T... HOLLLD...

ZPWAAM
.....IT!!
hoo-hoo-hoo! Appearss your ffe isssn't quite sspot on, Ed...
ssstill, jolly good sshow !!
.....
HEY...I WASN'T AIMIN' AT NOTHIN'... BUT I 'STILL' MANAGED TO FIRE OFF THAT POWER BLAST!!

MAYBE IF I CAN JUST... DROP IT IN THEIR DIRECTION...
AW CRAP! DID THIS THING GET HEAVIER?!
VWOOOOM
ZLASH!
I ssay bravo! nice sslice, wot?!
mika zuki!
nnn YAR RAAAHH!!
ZBASH!
SLASH!
what?!

KREEE
KRCK
the soothing! hess !!
CRASH BASH BASH CRUNCH
OH!
CLATTER
CRASH
DOOSH
WEEK !!
WMPF
GWAA!
GWAA!

are you "QUITE" through, boy?
we do have our "own" tasssk here to finissh, you know!
UP YOURS!!
I AIN'T GONNA... QUIT UNTIL YOU ASSHOLES...ARE WET SPOTS ON... THE TATAMI MATS!
GRIP
21
LORD MIKAZUCHI, DO HOLD!
TWAS WRONG OF ME TO THINK THOU COULDST HANDLE SUCH POWER!!
JUST CUZ THIS THING WEIGHS A FREAKIN TON DON'T MEAN I CAN'T USE IT ON YOU ASSHOLES!!
DA

hoof
!!
SLAK
PWEEW
what... what'ss thisss?!
SPLURT
SPSH
HUH ?!
GWAA!!
PLAASSH
well... can't say I expected that...
my mind thinks no ordinary holy sword, huh?!
THE MONSTER... HE JUST... HE JUST TURNED INTO WATER!!
I KNOW I SAID I'D TURN HIM INTO A WET SPOT BUT 'GEEZ' WHO'D A THUNK...

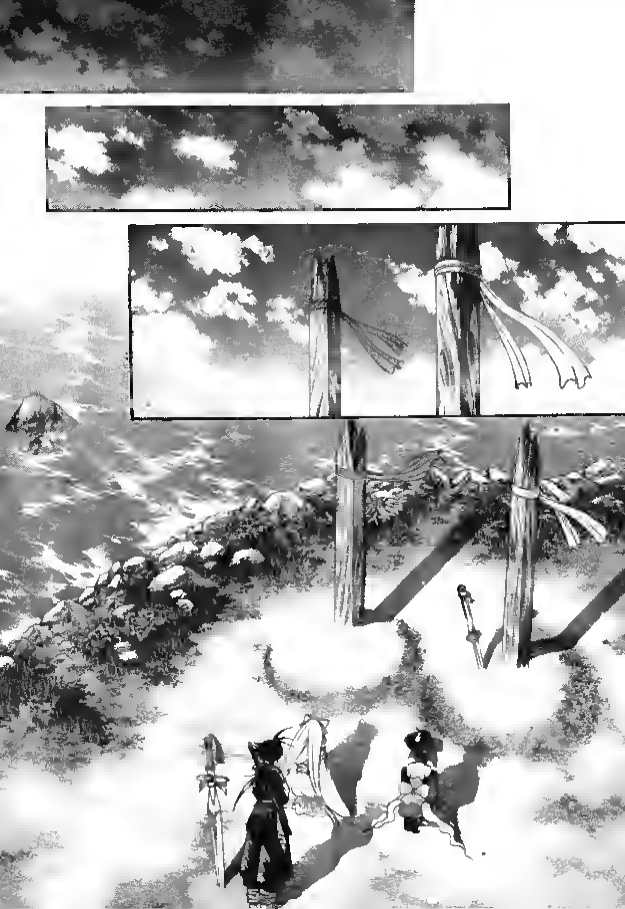
Then, human we sshall retreat... for NOW...
heh heh heh!
SHMM
I would propesssse shat they do now!
but how'r the cursssed gods sshould have no power ever ussss!
the human he hass the power to harm ussss!
yesss, you luck, shapess
SSHK SSHK SSHK SSHK
HUH?!
THAT'S IT? THEY'RE GONE?

Zsh
Zsh
Zsh
KREE
KREE
SLUMP
HUHEUH
LOOKS
LIKE IT
:
YOU
DID IT!
MIKAZU-
DUSH
oh!?

ART THOU INJURED?
e-hehe-heh.
WHO? A STUD LIKE ME? NAW! I'M SWELL! SURE SENT THEIR BUTTS PACKIN' DIDN'T I?
OH
THY NAMD
WHAT. THIS SCRATCH? THIS AIN'T NOTHIN REALLY!
THOU SHOULDST KNOW BETTER THAN TO HOLD A BLADE IN SUCH A MANNER
RRRP
THIS SHOULD NELP TO NEAL THY WOUND
uh GEE
"ulp"
THANKS
.....

..YUP
THIS
IS ONE
HELLUVA
SWORD

AND IF
I CAN LEARN
TO MASTER
THIS THING
MAN,
I COULD BE
COOLER'N THAT
DUDE SAYA WAS
TALKIN' ABOUT,
* KING *
ARSEFACE!!



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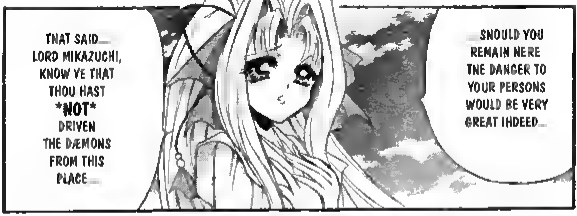
THAT'S WEIRD... THE WIND FEELS... DIFFERENT FROM HOW IT WAS YESTERDAY...
IT ALMOST FEELS LIKE IT'S CRYING...
THE MAGIC SWORD
THE MONSTERS WHO ATTACKED US..
EVEN SAYA
WHAT DO THEY ALL MEAN?!
OH MASTER! I WISH... I WISH YOU WERE HERE SO THAT YOU COULD TELL ME!
?!

SWIP
SWSH
uh... WHY DID YOU JUST ?
OH !
IN THE LAND FROM WHICH I HAIL...
'TIS A SIGN OF BLESSING WE OFFER TO THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY...
AND NOW
THE TIME HATH COME FOR WHICH WORDS OF EARNEST IMPORT MUST BE FRANKLY DISCUSSED
?!
AS YOU BOTH NO DOUBT HAVE GATHERED I HAVE TRAVELLED A GREAT DISTANCE
...WITH UNTIL NOW NARY A THOUGHT FOR COMPANIONS OF THE ROAD


THAT SAID... LORD MIKAZUCHI, KNOW YE THAT THOU HAST *NOT* DRIVEN THE DÆMONS FROM THIS PLACE...
...SHOULD YOU REMAIN HERE THE DANGER TO YOUR PERSONS WOULD BE VERY GREAT INDEED...

I SEE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT FOR THE TWO OF YOU TO SOJOURN FROM THIS PLACE AS SOON AS IS POSSIBLE...
!!

MAN SHE SURE TALKS WEIRD! WHAT THE HELL DOES "SOJOURN FROM THIS PLACE" MEAN?!

IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT I AM PREPARED TO ALLOW THE TWO OF YOU TO ACCOMPANY MY PERSON
.....

WAIT A MINUTE... "SOJOURN FROM" MEANS...I CAN LEAVE THE ISLAND AND SEE THE REAL WORLD?!

THERE IS ALSO A SECOND... MORE SELFISH REASON FOR WHICH I HAVE REQUESTED THE PRESENCE OF THY COMPANY
LORD MIKAZUCHI THOU HAST DEMONSTRATED BEYOND ALL DOUBT...

LORD MIKAZUCHI! I REQUIRE THY POWYRE !!
THE ABILITY TO WIELD MINE HOLY SWORD!
WHY WOULD YOU n-n-NEED ...?
n-n-MY "POW-WEIRD" ...?
YOU'VE "FINALLY" GOT THE EXCUSE YOU NEEDED TO GET OFF THIS ISLAND!
OH, BRA-VO "LORD" MIKAZUCHI ...
AW, HONOKA !!
MY LADY HONOKA! SURELY THOU DOST NOT BELIEVE THAT I WOULD PRESUME TO...

I'M NOT "THY LADY" AND I'M NOT LEAVING
EVER
CAN'T YOU SEE?! I'VE ALWAYS BEEN WITH MY MOTHER AND FATHER!
who--- WHO'S GONNA TAKE CARE OF THEIR GRAVES IF I LEAVE?!
C'MON HONOKA. CHILL OUT! I NEVER SAID...
OH SPARE ME!!
YOU'VE ALWAYS SAID YOU WANTED TO LEAVE. SO JUST...JUST... JUST ALREADY!
.....
LOOK - I'M SORRY BUT
!!

...I'M LIKE STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF TRAINING
...AND, uh IF I WAS TO LIKE LEAVE THE ISLAND ALL HALF ASSED TRAINED AN' STUFF, WELL, MY MASTER WOULD BE PRETTY TICKED AT ME...
.....
I GUESS WHAT I'M SAYIN' IS, I REALLY CAN'T GO WITH YOU, SAYA... BUT THANKS FOR THE OFFER...
OH, AND, uh HERE'S YOUR SWORD BACK.....
★To Be Continued★

## Chapter 3:
## Go Where You Will, But Remain Not Here

THANK YOU SO MUCH, MIKAZUCHI !
I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH IT MEANS TO ME THAT YOU GAVE BACK THAT ~STUPID~ MAGIC SWORD AND THAT YOU'RE STAYING HERE WITH ME ON THE ISLAND..
AW OF COURSE I'M GONNA STAY WITH YOU HONOKA... AN WE LL WATCH OVER YOUR PARENTS' GRAVES JUST TH'TWO OF US...
STILL...I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU WANTED TO LEAVE THE ISLAND AND FOLLOW THAT STRANGE GIRL...
...I... ...I.. ...I CAN ONLY THINK OF ONE WAY TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU..
TAKE ME NOW, YOU STUD-MUFFIN YOU !!

AHHHHH!!
WHY DO YOU ALWAYS GOTTA BE SUCH A CREEP?!
M-MR. ?!
WHADDA 'BOUT YOU?! WHY YOU ALWAYS GOTTA BE SLAPPIN' ME?!
JEEZ, HONOKA!! YOU CAN BE SUCH A BITCH!!

MY MOST HUMBLE APOLOGIES MY LADY IT WAS MOST IMPROPER OF ME TO BOTH MAKE SUCH A SUGGESTION
...AN 'TWAS MOST INCONSIDERATE OF ME TO HATH NOT GIVEN THOUGHT MOST PROPER TO THY FEELINGS

UNDERSTAND YE WELL, HAD I BEEN MORE SENSITIVE IN THIS MATTER, 'TIS NOT A SUGGESTION I WOULDST HATH...
AWWWWW! IT AIN'T NOTHIN' YOU SAID SAYA!
WITH HONOKA BOO-HOO-HOO-IN' LIKE THAT, HOW THHECK WAS I S'POSTA SAY I COULDN'T WAIT T'GET OFF A THIS ROCK WITH YOU?

BUT I'M TELLIN' YA I'D'A SAID "LET'S GO!" INNA HEART BEAT
...IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR HONOKA'S DUMB-ASS WHINING!
GRRR

SLA—P
SPARE ME YOUR PITY ACT BULLSHIT, MIKAZUCHI !!
LIKE IT'S REALLY SOME BIG FRIKKIN' SURPRISE THAT YOU WANNA LEAVE! HELL, THAT'S ALL YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT THE LAST FEW YEARS, ISN'T IT?!
MY— MY LADY HONOKA !!

YOU THINK YOU'RE SO COOL-N NOBLE GIVING UP YOUR DREAMS TO STAY HERE AN' "PROTECT" ME?! WELL HOW YOU GORRA DO THAT, HUH?!
FACE IT, MISTER! IF IT WASN'T FOR THA THA THAT MAGIC SWORD THINGIE, YOU'D BE JUST ANOTHER SLOB ON THE DOJO'S TATAMI MATS, WOULDN'T YOU?!
SO SCREW YOU MIKAZUCHI! JUST LEAVE ME THE HELL ALONE!!
GO TO HELL OR EDO OR WHEREVER TH'HECK HER HIGHNESS IS GOIN TO! I DON'T FUKKIN' CARE, JUST... GO!!
DASH
HONOKA !!
LADY HONOKA !!
STOOPIT HONOKA! THAT WAS "REALLY" HITTIN' BELOW TH'BELT!
IZZIT JUST HER OR DO ALL GIRLS HAVE TH'KNACK FOR KNOWIN' EXACTLY WHAT T'SAY T'SHREAD A GUY'S PRIDE TWICES?
VERILY, SIR THE LADY DOTH SPEAK MOST TRUTHFULLY !
HUH ?!

'TIS TRUE IS IT NOT?
THOU WERT VICTORIOUS ONLY BECAUSE THOU MADST USE OF MINE MOST HOLIEST OF HOLY BLAVES?
OOK
CHWK
VERILY, IT OOH SEEM MOST FOOLHARDY TO BRASHLY RETAKETH THAT WHICH IS RIGHT PROVEN TO BE THINE DEFENSE MOST SINGULAR DOST NOT THOU AGREE?
THP
THP
THP
MY LORD MIKAZUCHI, I AM RIGHT FORCED TO ADMIT THAT THOU ART A WEE BIT OF A PUDDING HEAD, THOU VAIN FOOL-BORN APPLE JOHN
WAM
I PRAY THEE CONSIDER MOST WELL WITHIN THY HEART THE MISGIVINGS OF THY ADDER'S TOUNGE
PECK
PECK

sob
sob
sob
sob
why
WHY DID ALL THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN ?

OH HONORED FATHER... OH HONORED MOTHER... what...
WHAT AM I S'POSTA DO?
I... I DON'T KNOW... I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO...
that is why— the two of you must must LEAVE this island— you, you must PROTECT— OUR LORD MIKAZUCHI!
NO, FATHER, NO! NO NO NO!!

I'M NEVER GONNA LEAVE MY HOME! NEVER EVER EVER!!
MY LADY HONOKA?!
SAYA!
WHY—? HOW DID YOU FIND THIS PLACE?
sniff sniff
LORD MIKAZUCHI! SPAKE THOU WOULDST WELL BE HYRE.. THUSLY I FAITH I HATH COME ALONE...
WHAT ARE YOU CRAZY?! THAT MEANS PEEP AZUCHI'S PROLLY SPYIN ON US RIGHT NOW!
*sigh*
METHINKS NOT! 'TIS NOT THIS AFTER ALL A MAIDEN'S PURIFICATION SPRING?
WHEREFORE I REQUESTED HIS LORDSHIP PRITHEE STAND GUARD AND AROUNT ALL MONSTERS WHO WOULDST THIS PLACE DEEILE WITH THEIR PRESENCE MOST I ELL AN EAIN...

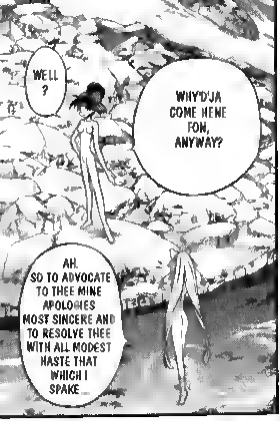
AW MAN!
HONOKA N SAYA ARE SPLASHIN' AROUN' LIKE LI'L TURTLES !
—WHILE I GOTTA STAY OUT HERE'N PLAY GUARD BOY'.
AH WELL... LIKE SAYA SAID, SHOULD THE BEASTS RETURNETH... uh.. IT'D TOTALLY SUCKETH ! (well sumpen like that)
STARE
—THEY WERE RIGHT ABOUT ONE THING -- THE ONLY REASON I WAS ABLE T'WIPE OUT THAT MONSTER WAS CUZ I USED THIS BIG-ASS SWORD-A SAYA'S..
CHECK THAT ROLL SWORD A SAYA'S..
POP
AH ! TOTALLY LIED WHEN I SAID I WANTED TO STAY HERE ON THE ISLAND...
'DOGGONNIT... SURE WISH HONOKA WOULD CHANGE HER MIND ABOUT NOT LEAVIN' HERE...

STILL CAN'T BELIEVE THAT FUTSUNO-MITAMA
I GOT BUSTED LIKE THAT SO EASY?
FUTSUNOMITAMA--- THE SACRED SWORD MASTER WAS PROTECTING...
...AN' I COULDN'T DO *SHIT* WITH IT... FELT LIKE SUCH A WIMP
STAND YOUR GROUND MIKAZUCHI!!
AT YOUR CURRENT LEVEL OF TRAINING, YOU COULD NEVER HOPE TO DEFEAT THEM!
WHAT HE SAID REALLY HURT!
DAMMIT ALL! IF ONLY I WASN'T SUCH A PUSS AN BEEN ABLE TO USE FUTSUNOMITAMA, MAYBE HIM N HONOKA'S MOM WOULD STILL BE...

WHAT TH'HELL GOOD WUZZIT GETTIN' STRONGER FROM SOME WEIRD SWORD...
...WHEN I COULDN'T EVEN PROTECT ALL TH'PEOPLE I CARED ABOUT ON MY OWN...?

HELL YEAH HONOKA'S ALL PISSED OFF...
I MEAN, SHIT, SHE "ONLY LOST" BOTH A HER PARENTS LAST NIGHT...

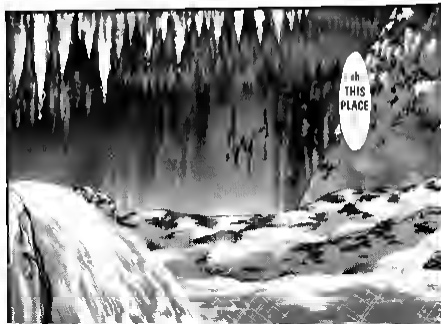
NOT TO MENTION THAT HORRIBLE CRAP THOSE CREEPAZOID'S PUT HER—
?!
WAIT A MINUTE! HORRIBLE CRAP THAT SHE WENT—
D'OHHH!
WHAT TH'HELL'ZA MATTER WIF ME ?!
Naughty Bits Underneath
I WUZ SO CAUGHT UP FIGHTIN'-N-STUFF THAT I COMPLETELY MISSED SEEIN' THE GOOD SHIT!
GEEP
GOOD GRIEF WHAT A MISERABLE BAT BASTARD I AM.


WELL ?
WHY'D'JA COME HENE FOR, ANYWAY?
AH. SO TO ADVOCATE TO THEE MINE APOLOGIES MOST SINCERE AND TO RESOLVE THEE WITH ALL MODEST HASTE THAT WHICH I SPAKE...

LOOK, YOU AIN'T GOT NOTHIN T'BE SORRY FOR OKAY? IN ORDER TO SAVE US YOU HAD TO GIVE MIKAZUCHI YOUR...POWER OR WHATEVER SO THAT'S WHY YOU DID THAT...THAT PAINING WITH HIM RIGHT?

AYE, VE WILY BUT TIS NOT WELL THE MOMENT WHENEEONE I WISHED TO APOLOGISE...

AND "VENILY" I DON'T WANNA HEAR ABOUT IT! LOOK, IF YOU TWO'RE GONNA GO TO EDO ON GODS'-KNOW-WHERE ELSE, THEN JUST GO OKAY?!
ME. I'M GONNA STAY RIGHT HERE AND TEND MY PARENTS' GRAVES AND THAT'S THAT! NOW LEAVE ME THE FUCK ALONE!!


...ch THIS PLACE

... TIS INDEED A PLACE MOST WORDEROUS ... THE ISLAND ENTYRE HATH A QUALITY MOST SOOTHIR WELL THE SOUL AR' SPIRET
TIS VERILY MOST AEEIRED TO THE ISLAND FROM WHENCE I WAS BORN AR' BRED...
YEAH WELL... WHATEVER... STUPID MIKAZUCHI NEVER SEEMED TO THINK THIS PLACE WAS ALL THAT HOT ..
HELL ALL HE EVER DID WAS --BITCH-- AROUT HOW HIS 'MASTER' WAS KEEPING HIM EROM 'SEEING THE WORLD'...
RAY
MOST CERTAIR LORD MIKAZUCHI WOULD RE RIGHT SADDERED BY THY DELATIORS
SURELY THOU KNOWEST
...THAT EVEN NOW, THE LORD MIKAZUCHI BELIEVETH THAT, SHOULDT HE AWAY FROM THIS PLACE GO, THE GRANDE AN' NOBLE LINEAGE OF THE ISLAND PROTECTEURS WOULD HE DOTH DESMEARCH...
ALRIGHT ALREADY! I AIN'T CLUELESS! SHIT !!

I KNOW ALL THAT IT'S JUST
LIKE I REALLY CARE ABOUT "THE WONDERS OF THE REAL WORLD" THAT MIKAZUCHI GOES ON AN ON ABOUT! THE TRUTH IS, I I'M
THIS'S THE ONLY PLACE I'VE EVER KNOWN OKAY?
sob
choke

LOOK, I KNOW IT SOUNDS REALLY STUPID, BUT I'M ~~TERRIFIED~~ ABOUT WHAT'S OUT THERE!
I'M SCARED TO DEATH ABOUT LEAVING, OKAY?!
THERE! I SAID IT!
I'M TOO SCARED TO LEAVE! ARE YOU FUCKING HAPPY NOW ?!

THE
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SOU
AHHH! MY LADY HONOKA... THY FEARS ARE PERCEIVED THROUGH ASSUMPTIONS MOST RIGHTLY FALSE .. FOR THY LORD MIKAZUCH SHALL NEVER ABANDON THEE ..
BE AT PEACE, AND KNOWEST THOU THAT THY LORD SHALL NE'ER ABANDON THEE AH FOREVER SHALL BE BY THY SIDE...

MIKAZUCHI WILL ALWAYS
No matter where'ere thou mayest travel...
No matter what tears thou mayest have
He shall forever an' always be by thy side
Always.
Thy Lord Mikazuchi shall ne'er e'er forsake thee
AYE.
giggle
Knowest thee most well...
MY LADY DOST THOU UNDERSTAND MINE WORDS MOST IMPORTE ?
ahhh !

RUSTLE
sh?
OHHH NUTHIN... I WAS JUST THINKIN HOW MY MOTHER USED TO SAY SIMILAR THINGS TO ME
MY MOTHER WOULD RRING ME HERE TO ENNANCE MY... 'SPRITUAL TRAINING"
HERE I WAS. THIS CLUMSY LITTLE RIRL. YET I WAS EXPECTED TO RE ARLE TO LOOK INSIDE MY HEART AND HEAR THE BLESSINRS OE THE GODS
WHENEVER I FELT TROUBLED AND UNWORTHY THOUGH...
... MY MOTHER WOULD ALWAYS LAURH AND COMEORT ME BY SAYING THAT THE GODS OETEN MUMBLED A LOT...

I EVENTUALLY REACHED THE POINT TO WHERE I COULD HEAR THEM... BUT NOW WHEN I NEED TO HEAR THEIR WISDOM THE MOST... THE GODS HAVE GONE SILENT...
BUT THAT'S OKAY, CUZ YOU TOLD ME EXACTLY WHAT I NEEDED TO HEAR, SAYA !

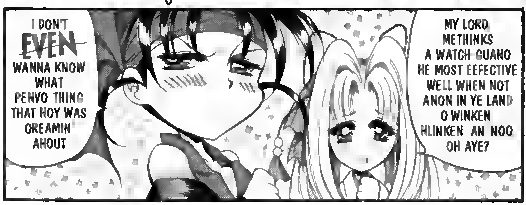
'And more than that...

while out in the real world i can discover
the meaning of my Honored Father's Last Words...

...I just know i can!"

WHAT TH'HELL ?
WHEN'D YOU TWO KISS 'N MAKE UP ?
I...I'M SORRY I MADE YOU WORRY MIKAZUCHII I UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING NOW!
PASH
WHEREEORE WE DECIDED THOU SHOULDST WASH RIGHT INDUSTRIOUS WITH WE TWO WENCHES MOST MARVELOUS COMELY!
WHOA, WHOA! WHAT TH'HECK'S GOTTEN INTO YOU TWO?!
FOR CRYIN OUT LOUD PUT SOME FREAKIN' CLOTHES ON!
OH! MY LORD MEE KAAH-ZOO-CHEEE
AWWW, BUT WE RUN WANNA!
Y'WANNA KNOW WHYYYYYY ?!

CUZ CLOTHES GET WET WHEN YA THROWS WATER ON EM !!
SPUSH
BWAAAAHHH!!
WHAT THE FUCK !!


I DON'T EVEN WANNA KNOW WHAT PERVO THING THAT HOY WAS DREAMIN' AHOUT
MY LORD METHINKS A WATCH GUARD HE MOST EFFECTIVE WELL WHEN NOT ANON IN YE LAND O WINKEN BLINKEN AN NOD OH AYE?

AHHH!!
YER WEARIN' CLOTHES !!
NO DUH GENIUS! WHAT YOU THINK I SHOULD LEAVE ALL NEKKID N SHIT?!

HUH? LEAVE?! WHERE Y GOIN' ?

THE LADY HONOKA HATH VERILY DECIDED TO ACCOMPANY MINE PERSON ON ITS JOURNEY!
YUPPEE-EE! I'M GONNA GO ANY PLACE HER MAJESTY HERE'S GOIN' JUST AS LONG AS IT'S OFF-A THIS ISLAND!
HAGN ?
buhbuhbuhBUT I THOUGHT YOU WANTED T'STAY HEREN LOOK AFTER YOUR FOLKS' GRAVES -N- STUFF ..
YEAH, I KNOW WHAT I SAID!
I JUST DECIDED THEY'D BE OKAY WITHOUT ME FOR A LITTLE WHILE IS ALL!
HONOKA

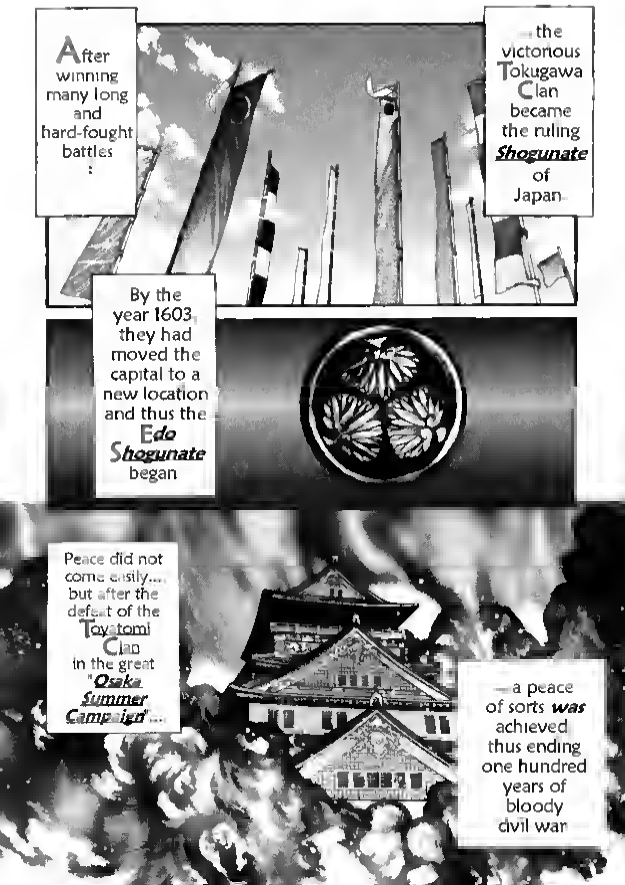
WOW.. SHE WAS SO BUMMED OUT A LITTLE WHILE AGO.. AND NOW LOOK AT HER!
SHE'S LIKE ALL ~~SMILEY~~ AN' EVERYTHING!
IT'S ALMOST LIKE SHE'S UNDE.. SOME KINDA SPELL OR SUM'ER...
JEEZ, SAYA, WHAT TH'HELL *ARE* YOU?
HARK, MY LORD MIKAZUCHI!
GWSH
UH.. WHAT?
HOW SAY THEE?
WILT THOU NOT ACCOMPANY US ON OUR JOURNEY MOST FAIR AN' WOND'ROUS?
uh....

THE SOURCE A THAT HIGH KING DUDE'S STRENGTH
HIS MAGIC HOLY SWORD !!
WOW ALL THAT POWER AND I.. I...
...I GET T'CARRY IT IN TH'REAL WORLD !!
MAN, I'LL BE A TOTAL BAD ASS OUT THERE !!

GLOMP!
ALRIGHT YOU LOVELY LADIES !!
MASTER MIKAZUCHI WILL BE YOUR ESCORT !!
WUK !!
ZOUNDS !!

HONKA HONK HONK
WEEK !!
WHY YOU.....

DON'T BE SO DAMN COCKY !!
PUNT
WAH !!
PLOO
SH
◆ to be continued ◆


After winning many long and hard-fought battles :
—the victorious Tokugawa Clan became the ruling Shogunate of Japan.
By the year 1603, they had moved the capital to a new location and thus the Edo Shogunate began
Peace did not come easily.... but after the defeat of the Toyotomi Clan in the great "Osaka Summer Campaign"....
—a peace of sorts was achieved thus ending one hundred years of bloody civil war

Chapter 4:
Enter The Great Swordsman JUBEI YAGYŪ!

It's during this period in time that we find floating gently down-stream
our intrepid protagonists each of whom are venturing into the World of the Samurai ---**The Reign of the Third Shogun**--- for the first time...
EEEE-YESSS !!
WE'RE FINALLY ON OUR WAY!
OH !
AT LONG LAST! I'M ALMOST AT THE PLACE OF MY DREAMS!!
SOON I'LL BE IN ★EDO★ !!

mrr
mumble mumble
huh whoa
CAN'T BE ~~HEVE~~ EDO WASN'T ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LAKE!
GNOHH---! ARE WE ~~THERE~~ YET?
NAY... THERE BE WELL STILL MUCH ROAD AHEAD TO WALK, I'M AFRAID...
DRAG
SKRRRRRCH!

HEE HEE! WADDA MAHROON! CAN'T BELIEVE YOU OF ~ALL~ PEOPLE DUNNO HOW T'GET TO EDO!
AHHH, BITE ME! WHO WUZZIT JUST A LI'L WHILE AGO WAS PEEIN HER PANTS WITH "WEEE!!! EDO! EDO!!" HMM?
WELL WELL SO WHAT?!
I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN A MAP, MUCH LESS KNOW WHERE EDO IS!
Or, I didn't pee my pants neither!
YEAH YEAH WHAT EVER, HONOKA
BY TH'WAY, WHAT'S IN TH'BIG ASS BAG, ANYWAY?
OH YOU KNOW
...STUFF! AFTER ALL, YHEVER KNOW WHEN YOU'RE GONNA NEED A CHANGE OF CLOTHES RIGHT?
HEY HOW WAIT A MINUTE! WHY'VE I GOTTA BE CARRYIN' ALL A YOUR STUPID CRAP FOR ANYWAY?
CUZ DUH!... YOU'RE A GUY, REMEMBER?
HEY! JUST CUZ I'M A *GUY* DUN-MEAN I GOTTA BE YOUR FREAKIN SHERPA !!
GYAAH!
OH YEAH?! WELL, YOU'RE JUST SAYIN' THAT CUZ YOU'RE ASS IS LAZY LIKE TH'REST A YOUR GENDER!
NO W NOW !

~~LAZY?!~~
~~LAZY?!~~
"I'M" S'POSTA BE PROTECTING YOU ~~FEMALES~~, REMEMBER?!
WHICH IS KINDA HARD T'DO LUGGIN' YOUR SEE-ARE-AY-PEE AND THIS ~~BIG~~ BITCH ~~WHICH~~ IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T NOTICED IS HER-~~YEE~~!
~~SHEE~~!
TH'LEAST YOU "GIRLS" CAN DO IS SHOW A LITTLE SYMPATHY!!

AH MINE SACKED GLAVE
TIS INDEED A MOST WEIGHTY BURDEN TO BARE TIS NOT?

HELL YEAH "TIS MOST WEIGHTY", THOUGH TO ~~SOME~~ PEOPLE THAT AIN'T SO OBVIOUS!
VERY WELL THEN

OH, DON'T BOTHER SAYA
MY ARMS MAY BE TOTALLY BEAT FROM LUGGIN' THAT THING AROUND, BUT A FRAIL THING LIKE YOU WELL YOU'RE JUST GONNA END UP GETTIN HURT IF YOU TRY TO—

HWIP
OH, AYE ?
HOLY !!
MOLY !!
I SENSE NOT THE PRESENCE OF ANY DÆMON BORNE FOR THOU TO SLAYEST IN YOH VICINITY
SO I SHALL SHEATH MIHE MOST HOLY GLAVE FOR HOW. AYE?
giggle

HWIIIW
SPSH
THERE, 'TIS WELL DONE! NOW THOU CANST BE MOST CHILVALRUS AND PORTER THY LADY'S WARDROBE, AYE MLORD?
WITH THIS QUARREL HOW BOTH COMPOUNDED LET US AWAY ANON!
...SHURE

MAN! I COMPLETELY FORGOT SHE PULLED THAT THING FROM HER BELLY TWO CHAPTERS AGO!
YEAH ME TOO

PLUS... HERE WE ARE TRAVELING WITH HER...

...AND WE DON'T KNOW +SQUAT+ ABOUT HER OR THE PLACE SHE COMES FROM...

hrrrm
MIKAZUCHI
!!

WHO? YOU MEAN THAT BOY?
DO YOU KNOW HIM?
>wk< OH YES
YES I'VE BEEN HEARING ABOUT THAT LITTLE PUNK FOR QUITE SOMETIME NOW...
NO
NO THAT'S NOT QUITE TRUE
RATHER
IT IS THE VOICE OF MY SOUL THAT I HEAR AS IT CRIES OUT:
"YOU MUST KILL MIKAZUCHI !!"

TA DA
HOO-YEAH!!
MAN, I'M SO HUNGRY, I COULD EATTA HORSE!
BUT...SURELY, MY LORD AN' LADY, YOU NEEDN'T HAVE SO MANY?
OKAY, KIDS!
HERE'S YER FIFTY ODANGO "SWEET MINI DUMPLINGS" Y'ALL ORDERED!
だんご
Sign "Dango" (Sweet dumplings)
WARF WARF
MMF! MWOH! OHHH! IZ LIGHA PARDEE IN MY MOUF!!
UMMF! I COULD'EED DEEZZINGS TILL I 'SPLODE!
WELL THAT IS MY LORD, BUT
WHAT?!
OH! WE NEVER HAD FOOD LIKE THIS ON THE ISLAND! HECK, I NEVER EVEN KNEW FOOD LIKE THIS COULD EXIST!
IMAGINE! A PLACE WHERE THEY JUST GIVES YA ALL THIS TASTY FOOD! IZ LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE!!

come in! small cheer and great welcome makes a merry feast!
STOPPIT! STOPPIT! LEMME GO!!
YOU GOTS T'WORK TOO, DAMMIT, SO QUITCHER BITCHIN' AN' GETCHER BONY ASS OUT HERE!!
WHILST MAYHAP A TAD ROUGH, THE LADY DOTH SPAKE MOST RIGHTLY...
WHEREFORE WE LACK SUFFICIENT COIN-AN-GELD, WE ARE INFORCED TO FARM OUR PERSONS...
'TIS BUT THE MOST NOBLE AN' HONORABLE THING TO DO, OH AYE MY LORD MIKAZUCHI?
I DON'T GOT NO PROBLEM WITH THAT!
BUT I MEAN C'MON! AIN'T THERE SUMPEN ELSE I COULD DO AROUND HERE?!

I MEAN, HOW COME I GOTTA BE A WAITRESS INNA FREAKIN KIMONO FR CRYIN' OUT LOUD?!
KEEE-HEE-HEE, AN A RIBBON T'MAKE HIM AUUUUU PURDY! ♡

I'M MOST SURE THOU SHANT BE PRESSED TO WEAR THE KIMONO SHOULDST THOU NAY WISHETH TO DO SO
THOUGH ADMITEDLY, THOU DOST LOOK MOST BEAUTEOUS FAIR CLAD THUSLY!
OOH YEAH, THAT MAKES ME FEEL A WHOLE LOT BETTER! (not)

*GROANNNN*
MAAAAN, I THOUGHT TRAVELIN AROUND IN THE WORLD BE A TOTAL HOOT.. BUT JEEZ! IT'S TURNIN' INTO ONE BIG GIANT PAIN INNA——

ON YEAH THAT WAS REAL LADY-LIKE "NICKIE-CHAN"
THE FAIR, THE CHASTE, THE UNEXPRESSIVE SHE!

YO! GIRL!
HAAAA!! BE RIGHT THERE!

WHY YOU WANNA BE BAD-MOUTHIN' US LIKE THAT ?!
WHAT?! WE'D NEVER DO THAT !!
OI! YER SHOP ALLUS SERVE CRAPPY SPOILED SAKE TYER CUSTOMERS?
I'VE ...um NEVER HAD SAKE BEFORE SO I—
uh... I'LLLL PASS, KAY?
DUN BELIEVE ME? NERE— TRY IT TER Y'SELF...
d-DAMMIT! LEGGO !!
WUK !!
WELL, THEN, HEY! IF'N THAZ HOW Y'Z FEELS, I GOTS SUMPEN -ELSE- Y'KIN DRINK RIIIIGHT HERE !!
GLOM
VSH

KRAISH
!
AWWW JEEZ.. STUPID HONOKA'S ALREADY DROPPIN STUFF!
I SWEAR, YOU CAN DRESS HER UP BUT YOU CAN'T TAKE HER ANONEEZE
OH! A THOUSAND PARDONS GENTEEL SIRS!
TA TA
THY GARMENTS, I PRAY THEY ARE NOT SOILED
WHA HAIL? AIN'TCHA A LI'L EXOTIC TYPE HANGIN IN THIS NICK TOWN?
NO, SAYA! GET BACK!
EH ?!
GOD'S TEETH !!
C'MERE MUH LI'L EGGZOTIK BIRDEE! SIDDON MUH LAP AR HAVVA LI'L DRINKEE-POO WIVVMEE!
GRAB

heh.. heh.. heh.. hehhhh !
PAW
FWMF
HAY! SESSA !!
?!
SAYA ?! HONOKA !!
WHAT TH'HELL D'YOU THINK YOU'RE DOIN'?! BACK OFF CREEP'S!
I'M SORRY, GENTS
..BUT IF'N Y'CAIN'T CONTROL Y'SELVES I'M GONNA HAFTA CUT Y'OFF...
AHHH ?!
GASP !!
SHADDUP Y'OLD FART!
SMACK
ungh !!

MRRR
AW, WAZZA MATTER SWEETHEART? JEALOUS CUZ WE DIDN'T ASK YOU TO JOIN US?
DUN BE 'AT WAY! C'MON! JOINNA PARTY!
MIKA-ZUCHI
my lord mike zuchi
eh?
YOU 'MEAN IT?!
YOU REELLY GONNA LET WIDDLE ME BARDY WIFF-OO? WEEEEEE! ME SO HAPPY! ♡
Sparkle
eh?

PLOP ♡
BUT JUST YOU WAIT!
YOU'LL PAY FOR MY COMPANIONSHIP AIN'T VERY CHEAP...
SNAP
WHAT?!
IN FACT, I'LL BET IT'S A WHOLE LOT MORE'N YOU'RE WILLIN' T'PAY, EH, ~~SWEETHEART~~ ♡
SCHWIP

SON OVYA BITCH-!
SHE'S A HE !!
YOU THINK YOU'RE SO SMARTY! I'VE WIPED MY ASS WITH BETTER N YOU, Y'LITTLE SHITE!
CHKING
CHKING

OOOH! ♡ I GEDDIT! YOU BOYS WANT MY SPESHUL GROUP RATE DON'TCHA ?
OOH. BABY. ♡

WELL C'MON THEN!
LET'S PARTY LIKE IT'S 1699 !!
VWSH
ENOUGH OF THIS NONSENSE
SL
AM
WAK !!

?!
ASSHOLE! JUST WHO IN THHELL D YOU THINK Y'ARE ?!
OUTTA TH'WAY NOW, SHITHEAD, OR D'YOU WANNA DIE TOO ?!
heh...
"HIM" ?! WADDA Y'MEAN, "HEH" ?!
OUTTA TH'WAY, PAL, NOW !!
Shoot! Da NOIVE-a dis guy!
GASP !!

SQUOOSH
Chuckle♡ HOW NOW, HONEY WHY DON'T YOU BE A GOOD KID AND LEAVE THIS TO THE GROWN UPS?
LET'S JUST STAND HERE AND TOGETHER WE CAN WATCH THE SKILL WITH WHICH MY ESCORT
hega ?
—THE MASTER SWORDSMAN, JUBEI YAGYŪ
WHO THE HECK'S HE? AND WHY'S THIS LADY SMOOSHING SOME BIG OL'PILLOW INTO THE BACK A MY HEAD?
DISPATCHES THESE TROUBLESOME FELLOWS, SHALL WE? ♡
squisha squish
JUBEI YAGYŪ ?!
◆ TO BE CONTINUED ◆

Chapter 5:
"A Shining Beacon Of Strength"

d-DID HE JUST SAY "JÜBEI YAGYÜ"?!
TH-TH'SHOGUN'S PERSONAL SWORD INSTRUCTOR... ~~THAT~~ JÜBEI YAGYU?!
"OHHHH F'R CRYIN' OUT LOUD!!
I AIN'T NEVER HEARD OVVA A JUBBIE OR A YAHOO AN' I DUN CARE!
MY WORD!
THRASH THRASH
TH ONLY THING I DO CARE ABOUT IS KICKIN YOUR COLLECTIVE BUTTS!

'hgn
SHEE WHAT'S THAT ONE'S PROBLEM? LIKE I ASKED TO JOIN THEIR PARTY?
WELL?! WE GONNA SIT AROUN' ALL DAY OR WHAT !!
REALLY! JUST CUZ TH'DUDE'S GOTTA NAME DUN MEAN NUTHIN' RIGHT?!
RIGHT !!
LEZ GET'M GUYS !!
AH WELL.. NO CHOICE NOW I SUPPOSE
BASH !!

KUNAI
OKAY TOUGH GUY! TAKE—
GWAH !!
SWP
VSH
?!
CHIK
KAK !!

URGL
!!
K!
RO
WRENCH
AHHH
!!
the
THAT'S INCREDIBLE
BASH
POW
...ALLA THOSE GUYS AN' NOT +ONE+ OF'EM'S LAID A FINGER ON HIM!
Vuh-- VERILY SO
THAT-- THAT--
SHOW-OFF
!!

WM
PF
KNOCK!!
SLUMP
UGH
UGN
GT
HLKT
UNN

DASH
DAMMIT! DON'CHOO THINK WE RE GONNA FORGET THIS!!
uh
uh
SO _ I BELIEVE YOU FELLOWS HAVE A BOAT TO CATCH CORRECT?
.. OR SHALL WE FINISH THIS IN A MORE... PERMANENT FASHION?
heh
WOWZERS MISTER SAMURAI! THAT WAS LIKE @@ COOL!
WE PRAISE THEE EOR THOU HAST RESCUED US!
YES INDEED! THANK YOU VERY VERY MUCH!
SHEESH... —IT...
I COULD-A HANDLED THOSE JERKS

BUT YOU JUST HAD T'BUTT IN CUZ YOU DIDN'T THINK I COULD TAKE 'EM BY MYSELF, RIGHT?!
OH DEAR
>sigh< I DID IT BECAUSE YOU'RE AS NAIVE AS A BABY DUCK...
>WAK< "BABY DUCK"?! WAZZAT S'POSTA MEAN?! YOU TAKE THAT BACK!!
OKAY, OKAY. I'M SORRY SHEE...
IT'S JUST THAT WHEN THERE ARE FAIR MAIDENS IN DISTRESS...
THEN I AM HONOR-BOUND TO TRY AND ASSIST THEM..
OOOSH ♡
URK !!
NO WAY, PAL !!
I AIN'T

NOW-NOW CHILD THE IMPORTANT THING IS THAT NO ONE GOT HURT AND EVERYTHING'S OKAY NOW...
SUDOOSU
ALL'S WELL THAT END'S WELL YES? ♡
OO WAK !!
NO! LOOK LADY, I DUNNO WHAT YOUR TRIP IS, BUT THIS THING'S FAR FROM BEIN O——
WAH
VER ?!
HOLY DIVINE WIND OF THE GODS, SHE'S FREAKIN' BEAUTIFUL !!
VA-VA-VOOM

AN—AN' AI-CHI WA WA!! GEDDA LOAD-A THE SIZE-A HER BOOBS!!!! HOLY COW DO THEY REALLY GROW'EM THAT BIG OUT HERE IN TH' REAL WORLD?!
wiggle wiggle
ecchi~
MY! SUCH A GOOD AND REASONABLE CHILD YOU ARE TO HAVE CHARGED YOUR MOOD SO QUICKLY!
SO DOES THIS MEAN WE'RE SQUARE NOW, MISS?
OOK.
AW SHIT!!
I TOTALLY FORGOT I WAS WEARIN' THIS GIRLIE CRAP!!
ACK!!
WHAT TH' HELL?! A RIBBON?! HOW TH HELL DID THAT GET----?!
HONOKA! SAYA! QUIT LAUGHIN' AN TELL'EM WHAT'S GOIN ON!!
♪ Tell'em Whoooot Nickie Chan? ♪

WHADDA YOU MEAN "WHAT"?! QUIT MESSIN' AROUND, HONOKA!
DAMMIT ALL, I'M A GUY SEE ?!
FLASH
WEEEEEX!!
URK
my...

SHOCK

WELL ALL RIGHTY THEN
...!!!

>huff<
*ahem*
YES WELL, STILL, I'D HAVE TO SAY THAT YOU'RE MAKING A BIG DEAL OUT OF (or) NOTHING...

*DRAW HER A PICTURE*
*GROW THE HAIR*
OKAY, NOW I'M REALLY DIGGIN' THIS!!
I GIVE UP...
AH SO AT LAST IT HATH BEEN SEEN..
BUT I NEVER WANTED TO SEE IT!

HMPF
AGAIN, THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL OF YOUR HELP!
YE. TAKE IT EASY!
Kaze Ni Mau!!

HEY, KID... "MIKAZUCHI", RIGHT?
JÛBEI ...?

YEAH? WHAT?

IF YOU'RE EVER IN EDO ...

—FEEL FREE TO STOP BY MY FAMILY ESTATE FOR A VISIT... I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU AGAIN...
THE YAGYÛ CLAN HAS AN ESTATE IN EDO?!
GASP!!
LATER
HUH?!
thpppt!
HYEAH! RIGHT! LIKE I'D REALLY GO THERE JUST SO S I C'N LOOK UP SOME GUY...
MAKES ME ILL JUST THINKIN ABOUT IT!

WELL, JUBEI, YOU CERTAINLY SURPRISED ME BY OFFERING HIM THAT INVITATION!
chuckle
THAT KID GETS ANGRY *FAR* TOO EASILY...
IF SOMEONE DOESN'T TEACH HIM HOW TO CONTROL IT...
—HE'S GOING TO WAKE UP ONE MORNING DEAD

SPLISH SPLASH
snivel
whine
SHYEAH RIGHT! KWITCHER WHININ' AND GET GOIN' ON TH'FIRE!
TH' WATER'S GETTIN' COLD !!

JEEZ...
ALL OVVA SUDDEN IT'S PRETTY DAMN CONVENIENT TTREAT ME LIKE A GUY!
TOUCH NOODIES PALI TH MINUTE YOU WAGGLED YOUR GARGET IN PUBLIC WAS TH MINUTE YOU STOPPED BEIN' 'Wunna The Girls !!
Puf huf
KSP
SH
AYE. YERILY MOST SURPRISED WAS I WHEN HE HAD DONE THE DEED!
hifter
TRUTH BE TOLD T'WAS THE FIRST EVER I HAD GAZED UPON THE (or) "ROOT" OF A MANI
NO WAY !! REALLY ?!
WHEN I WAS A LITTLE GIRL, I OFTEN TOOK BATHS WITH MY FATHER SO I'VE SEEN A BUY'S PACKAGE BEFORE... ♡
scrub scrub
hmm... COME T'THINK OF IT...
...MIKAZUCHI'S PEE PEE LOOKED KINDA DIFFERENT FROM MY FATHER'S
WHA WHAT TH HELL'RE THEY TALKIN' ABOUT IN THERE ?!
TRUE... BUT NAY AS DIFFERENT AS THOU MAYEST BELIEVE!
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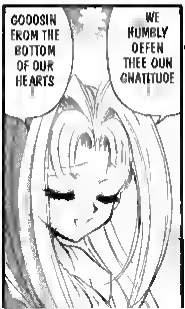
NOTICE THOU, HOW MOST SIMLIAR BE OUR BODIES, E'EN THOUGH I HAIL FROM A FAR AN' DISTANT SOIL..
chPLOOP
~gk~
HWA— —AAAH ?!
Poit
BUMP
oh... huh! QUIDDIT, SAYA!
YOU'RE LIKE, REALLY EMBARRASING ME!
BGM
BGM

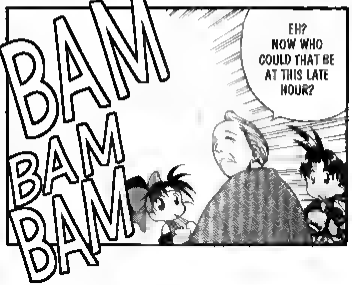
NAY, 'TIS TRUE! SEE? I'FAITH THY BREASTS HAVE THE SAME FEATURES AS MINE OWN!
SPUH
I AIN'T MISSIN' A BATH... I'M MISSIN SOMEONE TO!
SPISH
GLADJA LIKED IT!
YOU KIDS 'BOUT READY F'DINNER ?
hee-YEAH! THAT BATH WAS TOTALLY RIGHT ON! ♡
DINNER? REALLY ?!
WOW. POPS WE THOUGHT YOU PUTTIN' US UP FOR TH NIGHT WAS TOTALLY COOL, BUT DINNER TOO?!
CINCH

oh.
WE...DON'T DESERVE THIS... NOT AFTER ALL THE TROUBLE WE CAUSED
NOW HAVE WE YET TO WORK ENOW TO SETTLE OUR ACCOUNT WITH THEE...
PISH-POSH! I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT THAT ANYMORE! COME CHILDREN, SIT BY THE FIRE AND EAT!

Sl—ff

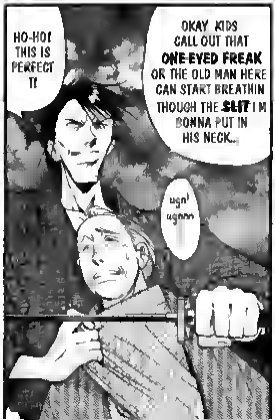
OH, MIKAZUCHI! *chikkn* THE PEOPLE OF THE REAL WORLD ARE -SO- KINDI
*snf*
YEAH


GOODSIN FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS
WE HUMBLY OFFEN THEE OUR GNATITUDE


BAM
BAM
BAM
EH? NOW WHO COULD THAT BE AT THIS LATE HOUR?

BAM BAM BAM
YES YES, I'M COMIN'! HOLD YER HORSES, WILL YUZ?!
CAN I HELP I
G'TMP
YOINK
YURK !!
TIS MOST STRANGE. IS IT NOT? WHEREFORE HATH OUR GOOD INNKEEPER NOT RETURNÈD FROM HIS ERRAND?
I'LL GO 'N' CHECK IT OUT
WAIT UP! WE'RE COMIN' TOO!
GASP !!

NOT YOU BUTT-HEADS AGAIN !!
!!
uuugh, NO! DON'T COME OUT HERE!
WELL I'LL BE GO TO HELL! THE BRATS'RE STILL HERE!

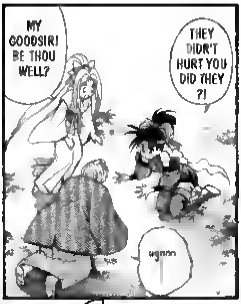

HO-HO! THIS IS PERFECT !!
OKAY KIDS CALL OUT THAT ONE-EYED FREAK OR THE OLD MAN HERE CAN START BREATHIN THOUGH THE SLIT I'M GONNA PUT IN HIS NECK...
ugn! ugnnn
FFFF.

BUT— BUT WE CAN'T!! THAT GUY LEFT HERE SEVERAL HOURS AGO!

AH SHIT !!
FINE! SO WHICH WAY DID'EE GO, HMM?!

SORRY DUDES
—BUT THE ONLY DIRECTIONS I'M GIVIN' OUT TODAY ARE TH'ONES T HELL!
WHAT'S THAT ?!
mi MIKA-ZUCHI !!
MY LORD !!
..OR ARE YOU GUYS A BUNCH-A COWARDS WHO HIDE BEHIND OLD MEN WHEN FACIN' AN INEXPERIENCED ROOKIE LIKE ME?!
LET TH'OLD GUY GO!!

>hrgff<
MORE LIKE A ~~PUNK ASS BITCH~~ ROOKIE!
OKAY KID, IT'S YER FUREKA!
TOSS
GO GWAN !!


MY GOODSIR! BE THOU WELL?
THEY DIDN'T HURT YOU DID THEY ?!
wgmm

LOOK OUT, PUNK! I'M GONNA SERD YAZ YAPPIR OFE WITIYER TAIL 'TWEEN YER LEGS!
SHING

NO !!
DON'T DO IT, MIKAZUKI!!
LET'S GO!
DASH!!

GRK
!!
NO
!!
YOU IDIOT MIKAZUCHI! WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?!
.....
I DON'T
...I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET KILLED OVER SOMETHING AS STUPID AS THIS!!

AW GEEZ RELAX, WILLYA HONOKA? DON'T YOU KNOW NOTHIN'? IN A DUEL LIKE THAT GUYS ONLY HIT EACH OTHER WITH TH' FLAT OF TH' KATANA NOT TH' BLADE!
F'R CRYIN' OUT LOUD, I JUST TOOK A BATH! IT AIN'T LIKE I WANNA GET ALL COVERED IN BLOOD Y'KNOW!
TMP TMP
*kuff* *kuff*
THE FLAT OF TH' KATANA ?!
Y'STOOPIT GIT! DUZZIS LOOK LIKE Y'USED TH' FLAT?!
SPURT
*pah-hah-hah* uh... MY BAD?
SWOON
hee hee-hee! THAT'S AN INTERESTING EENCINO-STYLE YOU HAVE THERE GREEN-HORN...
I MUST CONFESS I'M QUITE UNFAMILIAR WITH IT!
PURR PURR

AT ANY RATE I'VE SEEN MORE AN ENOUGH A THIS NONSENSE! YOU GUYS! SIMMER DOWN +NOW+ !!
ITCH
?!
SENSEI !!
SO...KID! WHERE'S OUR "GOOD FRIEND" JÜBEL HMMM?
OH AND I REALLY DON'T GIVE A SHIT IF YOU'VE JUST TAKEN A BATH OR NOT... I WILL COVER YOU IN YOUR OWN BLOOD IF YOU DON'T TELL ME...
◆TO BE CONTINUED◆

# Chapter 6:
# Honoka's Secret

CAW
CAW
Itch
Woo

THIS PLACE... IT LOOKS THE SAME
..YET IT FEELS SO VERY DIFFERENT
I CAN'T SENSE EVEN THE SLIGHTEST TRACE OF THE GODS POWER...
..EVEN THE OLD TALISMANS ARE BUT MERE HEMP NOW...
YES WELL ALL GOOD THINGS MUST END AND ALL THAT EH?
WMFP
WOBBLE WOBBLE
HEH-HEH-HEH!
RRRRARRGH

Oh Hellspawn Creature, banished to the bowels of the Earth!
-To dwell and hide in Shadows and Dark Places!
RARRG
AARR
Arise to claim your Revenge!
-I/ HOKUTEN -no- MIKO do command you!
Obey my Will and appear before me NOW!!
RRAA

FSSSH
MEW
PRRR PRRR
YES YES, THERE'S A GOOD KITTY!
I'M AFRAID YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY OUT HERE FOR A BIT..
MYAH MYAH
OY! YOU GUYS! WATCH OVER KITTY LIKE YOUR LIVES DEPEND ON IT!
YES SENSEI!!
OH, AND BY-THE WAY YOUR LIVES +DO+ DEPEND ON IT.. KITTY GETS HURT- YOU GET KILLED
YES, SENSEI!!
KICK
THRASH
SO.. WHERE WERE WE? RIGHT?
OKAY KID I'LL ASK YA ONE MORE TIME: WHERE'S JUBEI YAGYU?

IT DON'T MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU ASK ME !
JOBE! SCHNÜBEL I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT TH' STUCK UP JERK! SO JUST WHY DON'T YOU JUST SHUT-UP ABOUT IM ALREADY ..
TELL YA WHAT... YOU DEFEAT ME AN MAYBE I'LL TELL YOU WHICH WAY HE RAN OFF TO
heh heh.....
WELL, WELL WELL... SO THE CUB'S GOT TEETH EH?
"sound" GWAH-HA-HA-HA !!
THE PUNK ACTUALLY CHALLENGED SENSEI ?!
HE'S JOKING, RIGHT ?!
HA?

SO ...YOUR BLADE VERSUS MINE EH? THAT COULD BE... INTERESTING
YOUR BLADE AGAINST.. ?! BUT SENSE!! WHAT IF HE'S REALLY A PUPIL OF THE YAGYÛ SCHOOL?! HE MIGHT EVEN KNOW THE YAGYU CLAN'S "SHADOW TECHNIQUE"!
uh-huh Rinlight
AND WHEN YOU HAD YOU BE LITTLE "RUN IN" WITH HIM, DID HE USE THE 'SHADOW TECHNIQUE" TO EIGHT YOU?
uh...SO THE KID'S GOT NOTHIN' T DO WITH TH'YAGYÛ SCHOOL ?
NOPE
BUT THERE MIGHT STILL BE SOME VALUE TO GROSSIN' SWORDS WITH THE KID BESIDES THE POSSIBILITY OE INEORMATION
I VE DUELED PLENTY OE MEN OVER THE YEARS !
...BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN A TECHNIQUE LIKE HIS BEFORE !!

MI-MIKAZUCHI YOU JERK! WHAT'S HE TRYIN TO PULL ?!
THAT GUY WAS SPOILIN' FOR A FIGHT
AND MIKAZUCHI JUST SAT THERE AND PUSHED HIS BUTTONS!
LORD MIKAZUCHI
HO HO! NOW THAT'S A DIFFERENT STANCE! I WAS RIGHT. HE DOES COME FROM A SCHOOL I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!
HWOOOOO

WITH SUCH A STANCE, HE APPEARS FILLED WITH POWER AND PASSION!
IT'S LIKE LOOKIN' AT THE TECHNIQUES OF A MILLION DIFFERENT SCHOOLS ALL ROLLED INTO ONE TIGHT, YOUTHFUL PACKAGE!
THEY DISPLAY A CONFIDENCE THAT'S ALMOST WILLING ME TO LOSE !!
AND THE INTENSITY OF HIS EYES

MYAAH MYAAH MYAAH !!
HEY! WHAT'S YER PROBLEM?! QUIT FREAKIN' OUT!
MEW MEW!
THRASH WRIGGLE
?!
!!

HAH !!
HUP !
SH
AH, BUT IN THE A ROOKIE'S STILL JUST A ROOKIE !
HMMPF A STRAIGHT THRUST ~NOW~ PREDICTABLE !
IF I HADN'T SEEN YOU USE IT EARLIER, IT "MIGHT'VE" NICKED ME
"MIGHT'VE NICKED YOU" ?!
HEY, UP YOURS, PAL !!
TEMPER TEMPER !
I WAS ONLY PAYING YOU A COMPLIMENT !
QUIT MESSIN' AROUND !!
HA HA!
YKNOW I "REALLY" DISLIKE EXCITABLE PEOPLE...
KNOW WHY? BECAUSE EXCITABLE PEOPLE !
SH
A

...ARE FAR TOO EASY TO KILL !!
!!
OH SHI-
HI-MIKAZUCHI !!
OO WA AAA AAA AGH !!
SHOR

WHAT ?!
HUH ?!
!!
NOW... SHOW US YOUR POWER MIKAZUCHI !!
AH, SUCH A MARVELOUS THING !

SCREECH!!
AAARR
AAA
AAA
AAA

SHOW ME HOW IT WORKS !
LET ME SEE THE BLADE PERFORM BEFORE MY VERY EYES !!
SLSH SLSH
HEE-YEE-YEE !
HOLY SHIT !!
WHA ?!
WHAT TH'HELL IS THAT ?!

MYAH
MYAH
GASP
!!
YOU ~~DUMBASS~~
!!
WHATCHA DO THAT FOR ?!
OH ~~SHIT~~!
I DROPPED SENSEI'S KITTY
!!
GRAAA
SHIT
!!
DASH
URK! DON'T DO IT
!!
YOU CAN'T FIGHT A THING LIKE THAT WITH JUST A KATANA
!!
KNOW WHEN

SLASH
KRRATER
HIE THEE THENCE !!
HAY, TARRY, NAUGHT !!
WAY T'GO, SENSEI !!
ooWOH HOHOH HE DID IT!

SHpSSH
SHpSSH
WHAT ?!
UHK !!
SON OF A BITCH! THE ARM! IT'S [illegible] ITSELF !!
GRAAH
!!

SWAAP!
NOH !!
MYAOW !
DASH
GASP! OH NO !!
POP
MYAH !!
YOU'RE NOT HURT ARE YOU?
MEW HURT
SEN- SENSEI !!
YOU OKAY ?!
SONNUVA BITCH !

ARE YOU RETARDED?! WHAT CAN A GREENHORN PUNK LIKE YOU DO AGAINST A THING LIKE THAT?! SCARE IT TO DEATH W/ YOUR ACTING "COOL"?!
DO WHAT NOW ?!
OKAY, LOOKS LIKE I NEED TO STEP IN AN' TAKE CARE A THIS!
GET OUTTA HERE AN' SAVE YOURSELVES, HUYS!
UNBELIEVABLE! THIS PUNK ACTUALLY THINKS——
——HE CAN FIGHT THAT THING ?!
BUT I GOTTA HETTEN SHOT AT HEATIN' THAT THING THAT YOU GUYS WITH YOUR PLAIN OL' KATANAS !!
"ACTING COOL" ?! LOOK, I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYIN' !
LOOK, I AIN'T STUPID

I KNOW I AIN'T A VERY STRONG FIGHTER... THAT'S WHY ...
THAT'S WHY IT'S ~~MY~~ ~~FAULT~~ MY MASTER GOT KILLED !!
WHAT... WHAT'S THAT ?!
LOOK, CAN THE DRAMATICS AND TELL ME WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN FIGHT THAT THING ?!
'CAUSE I'M... I'M GONNA USE ..
.. THE POWER OF THE ONCE AND FUTURE KING !!

*HEH HEH* OH, THAT'S RICH !!
?!
SEIRAN! WHAT'S WRONG ?!
SAYA !!
AYE M LORD
I NEED— I HAVE TO ASK. PLEASE! LET ME USE THAT HOLY SWORD A YOURS AGAIN!
AN SO I SHALL BESTOW IT UNTO THEE !
MY LORD MIKA-ZUCHI !
"ONCE AND FUTURE KING"? "HOLY SWORD"? WHAT THE HELL IS HE TALKING ABOUT?

I BLESS THEE, MY LORD MIKAZUCHI!

I'M...I'M SORRY FATHER...
...I KNOW YOU ASKED ME TO PROTECT MIKAZUCHI..
...BUT..
NGH!

BUT ALL I CAN DO IS STAND HERE...!
AND JUST..
WATCH...

NO... NO THIS IS NOT RIGHT...
WHAT IS THAT GIRL?!

SEIRAN WHAT +ARE+ YOU BABBLING ABOUT OVER THERE?

I—I SENSE SOME...
STRANGE POWER COMING FROM THAT FOREIGN GIRL, HOKUTEN!

O Holy Powyre that lies between the Silence an Soul Sources... Bestowest upon him that i hath chosen !
– thy Music's total return.. And in our passion extend our course

sh-SHE'S HOT WHAT SHE SEEMS TO BE !
shee... SHE'S SOME KIND OF PRIESTESS OR GEOMANCER !

Out tender outward the Movement attained !!
NO! THIS IS -NOT- RIGHT! THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE HIS FAMILIAR TO AUGMENT HIS POWER...
SHOULD BE *THAT* FEMALE OVER THERE !!
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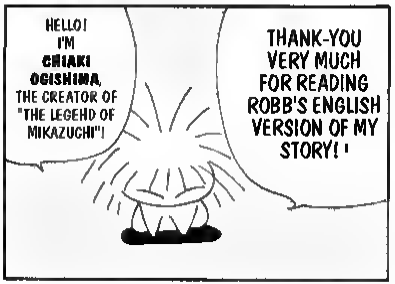
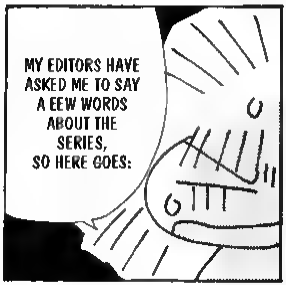
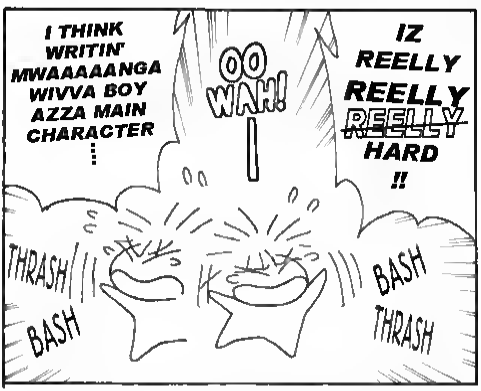
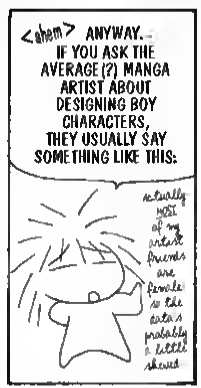
## OMAKE MANGA

# THAT BASTICH, MIKAZUCHI....


HELLO! I'M CHIAKI OGISHIMA, THE CREATOR OF "THE LEGEHD OF MIKAZUCHI"!
THANK-YOU VERY MUCH FOR READING ROBB'S ENGLISH VERSION OF MY STORY!

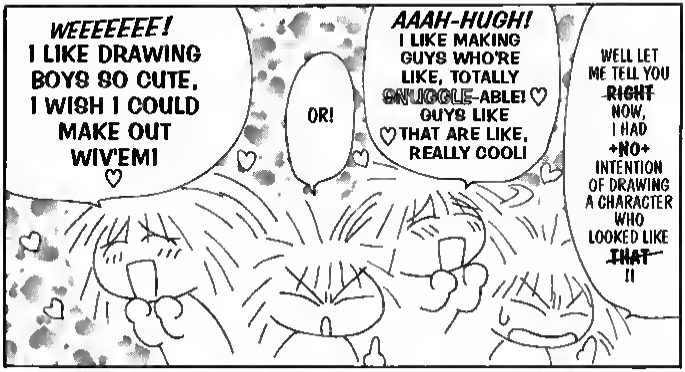


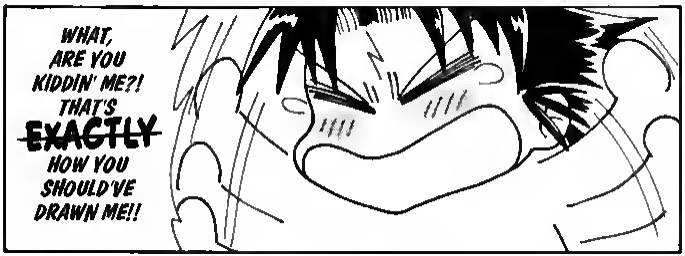



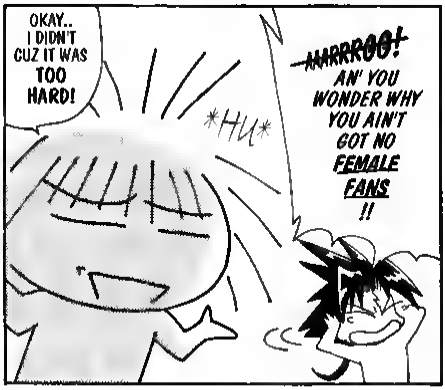


<ahem> ANYWAY... IF YOU ASK THE AVERAGE (?) MANGA ARTIST ABOUT DESIGNING BOY CHARACTERS, THEY USUALLY SAY SOMETHING LIKE THIS:
actually, MOST of my artist friends are female so the data is probably a little skewed

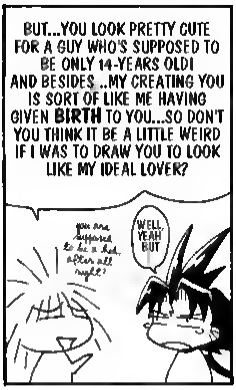
1-Okay, so this's a shameless plug. Ogishima-sensei really sez, "Thank-you for buying my first volume of the series!" But the truth is, you didn't buy the first volume, now did you? But you CAN buy your own copy by writing Miyake at san_francisco@sk.mikuniya.com!

She'll hook you up and then you'll have earned Ogishima-sensei's "proper thank-you!" ...Hmm! What're you waiting for? Buy it already! and while your at it, get volumes 2 & 3, too! ^_^

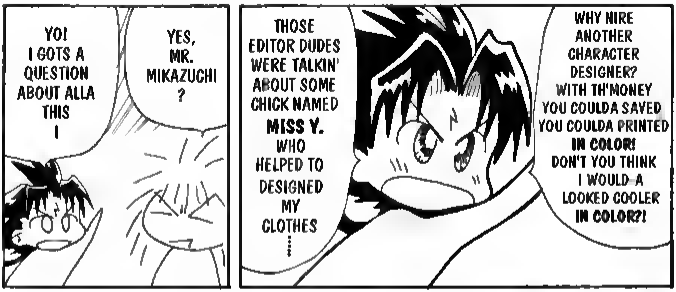

WEEEEEEE! I LIKE DRAWING BOYS SO CUTE, I WISH I COULD MAKE OUT WIV'EM!
OR!
AAAH-HUGH! I LIKE MAKING GUYS WHO'RE LIKE, TOTALLY ~~GN'UGGLE~~-ABLE! GUYS LIKE THAT ARE LIKE, REALLY COOL!
WELL LET ME TELL YOU ~~RIGHT~~ NOW, I HAD +NO+ INTENTION OF DRAWING A CHARACTER WHO LOOKED LIKE ~~THAT~~ !!


WHAT, ARE YOU KIDDIN' ME?! THAT'S ~~EXACTLY~~ HOW YOU SHOULD'VE DRAWN ME!!


OKAY.. I DIDN'T CUZ IT WAS TOO HARD!
*HU*
~~AARRRGG!~~ AN' YOU WONDER WHY YOU AIN'T GOT NO FEMALE FANS !!


BUT...YOU LOOK PRETTY CUTE FOR A GUY WHO'S SUPPOSED TO BE ONLY 14-YEARS OLD! AND BESIDES ..MY CREATING YOU IS SORT OF LIKE ME HAVING GIVEN BIRTH TO YOU...SO DON'T YOU THINK IT BE A LITTLE WEIRD IF I WAS TO DRAW YOU TO LOOK LIKE MY IDEAL LOVER?
you are supposed to be a kid, after all, right?
WELL YEAH BUT

2- SHONEN MANGA, in case you didn't already know, are manga written with a target audience of teen-age boys these are traditionally action-packed and have gratuitous sex-jokes thrown in (hooray!) the opposite are SHOJO MANGA, which have teen-age girls as the target audience and are traditionally "romance-oriented" These days, the line between the two is pretty blurred


YO! I GOTS A QUESTION ABOUT ALLA THIS I
YES, MR. MIKAZUCHI ?
THOSE EDITOR DUDES WERE TALKIN' ABOUT SOME CHICK NAMED MISS Y. WHO HELPED TO DESIGNED MY CLOTHES
WHY HIRE ANOTHER CHARACTER DESIGNER? WITH TH'MONEY YOU COULDA SAVED YOU COULDA PRINTED IN COLOR! DON'T YOU THINK I WOULD A LOOKED COOLER IN COLOR?!

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僕の沙耶
あ…
飼えられなければ
一生負け犬よ
貴女が御雷の巫女だったのねー
炎華
――ッ!!
無手な真似をそろそろ身の程を知っていただくとするか…

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